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DERMATOLOGICAL USES AS CARE AND TREATMENT AGENTS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 10, 2006, applicant provisionally elects Group II, claims 32-37, with traverse.

The Restriction Requirement should be withdrawn because examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden. Thorough search and examination of the invention of elected Group II¹ will necessarily encompass the invention of Group I. More particularly, search and examination of a method of

¹The Patent Office characterized the invention of Group II as directed to the topical administration of a citrullinylarginine dipeptide. In fact, claim 32 relates to the topical administration of a composition which contains an analog of a citrullinylarginine dipeptide. See claim 32, claim 20 and page 6, lines 31-37 of the specification.

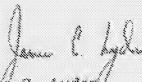
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administering a citrullinylarginine dipeptide analog will necessary encompass the citrullinylarginine dipetide analog itself. MPEP § 803 requires examination of claims to admittedly independent or distinct inventions where, as here, search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden to the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and search and examination of pending claims 20-37, are earnestly requested.

It is not believed any fee is required for entry and consideration of this Response. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1258 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required for such entry and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,


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